

Council Chosen

by Thomas Cappiello

Winning a total of 748 votes, senior Richard Woerner has been elected First Adviser to the President of the Student Council. Vanessa Parkinson has been elected Second Adviser with a total of 662 votes, and Louis Diorio has been elected Third Adviser with 403 votes. Zena Baygin has been chosen an Alternate Adviser with 201 votes.

With a 110-vote win for President of the Senior Class,

Philip Kirton can now begin the work of making this year's senior class the best Ford has seen. He joins Robert Sullivan, who was elected Junior Class President with 146 votes, and Mark El-Khoury, who was elected President of the Sophomore Class with 145 votes. The runners-up in the senior, junior and sophomore presidential races were (respectively): James Setteducato with 73 votes, Brian Burke with 84 votes, and Cathy Scholman with 88 votes.

Alumni Employed

by Anthony Mirro

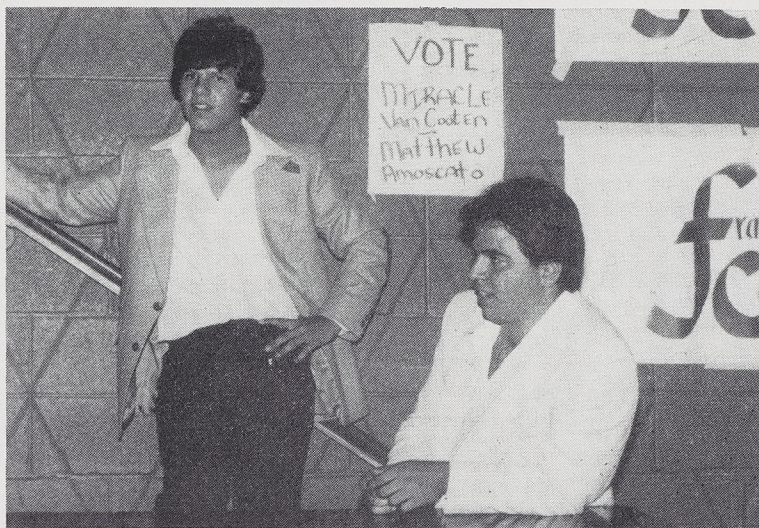
Last Spring eight members of the class of '79 were selected to participate in a two-week program sponsored by the Bank of New York. This program prepared them for new careers in banking.

These students received training to qualify as bank tellers, insurance agents, loan agents and accountants. Upon completion of the course, they were placed in

the area of banking for which they were most suited. The Bank of New York feels these graduates worked so well that they would like to see more Bishop Ford students participate in the program again this year.

The students involved are Martha Bohgotanski, Theresa Caulter, Maria Calameia, Andrea Palma, Joseph Mohan, Joseph Staniszewski, Theresa DeFazio and Patrick McInerney.

Fratangelo Ticket Wins



Stephen Fratangelo and Vincent Cordi

by Edward Smith

There were four pairs of candidates running for Student Council President and Vice President: Thomas Carney and Roland Gorton, Patricia Hayes and Michael Cleary, Stephen Fratangelo and Vincent Cordi, and Miracle Van Cooten and Matthew Amoscato. There didn't seem

to be much distance among the four groups of candidates on the morning of Friday, September 28, the day of the convention. However, after the first ballot, the tally was

Carney and Gorton 254, Fratangelo and Cordi 376, Hayes and Cleary 70, and VanCooten and Amoscato 184. Patricia Hayes threw her support to Tom Carney.

And so, the 954 sophomores, juniors and seniors had to choose between Carney-Gorton and Fratangelo-Cordi. Their choice proved to be the Fratangelo-Cordi ticket.

I asked Steve what his goals for this year are and got this: he will, of course, follow his platform and seek to unify the student body. He also plans to make the following proposals: no collars necessary on shirts worn by boys to school, a dress-down day for boys and a dress-up day for girls, a week set aside for mid-terms, and a grace period for lateness demerits.

And that was the week that was.

Enrollment Climbs

by Hope Parisi

With the beginning of the new school year, the student population at Ford reached near 1500. This is the largest enrollment in the three-year history of Bishop Ford Central.

The present freshman and sophomore classes are largely responsible for this, numbering 467 for the class of '83, and 406 for the class of '82; the senior class is quite small

in comparison, numbering only 252. The junior class has 374 students. The administration attributes the increase to the reputation Ford has earned as a coeducational institution of learning.

Females compose approximately one-third of the student body, but the ratio also varies from grade to grade. There are 177 freshman girls, 151 sophomore girls, 129 junior girls, and 55 senior girls.

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Ford Trips to Yosemite



Robert Romeo and two aides preparing an elephant trap.

by Mary Ann Svec and Amy Mattison

This summer, from August 16 to 30, eighteen students went to Yosemite National Park in California. They were there for a science course offered by Yosemite Institute to Bishop Ford students at a cost of \$500. The course covered several fields of science including botany, ecology, geology, astronomy, and zoology.

While on the trip, everybody went hiking for a few days with the instructor from the institute, Frank Baele. They had many unusual experiences. For some, the trip offered a "first encounter" with outhouses! For others, shooting stars were seen for the first time. And two bears came to the camp one night!

Mr. and Mrs. Skalecky were the chaperones for this trip. Mrs. Skalecky had very positive feelings about the visit.

She feels that the students gained a great deal of knowledge and had an enjoyable time while learning. Robert Romeo said, "Learning about natural science while hiking was much more fun than in a classroom." Sheila McKee felt, "Seeing everything in a natural environment was really great." Faye Purpura said, "I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and I hope more courses like it will be offered in the future. I am sure many students will benefit from it."

Other Yosemite visitors were Carolyn Leaver, Claire Deodato, Michael Ryan, Michael Hanratty, Joe Alessi, Julia Piotrowski, Mary Ann Svec, Donna Gerard, Amy Mattison, Darren Bellouny, Robert DePaolo, Joseph Eppedico, Robert (Alfred) Romeo, Faye (Amanda) Purpura, Luis Gonzalez, Roland Gorton, Sheila McKee and John Caminiti.

Honor Societies Induct 49 Members

by Hope Parisi

On Sunday, October 22, new members were inducted into the Bishop Ford chapters of the National Honor Society and National Business Honor Society in the school auditorium.

The keynote address was delivered by Brother Philip Meyer, last year's Nat'l Honor advisor. In his talk, Brother challenged the members elect to give wholeheartedly of themselves to their fellow students and school. He stressed the necessity to pattern standards after the high standards of Bishop Francis Ford for whom the chapter is named. Rose Cassara, previous Nat'l Honor President, and Jacqueline Rauert, former Business Honor president, were present to lend support.

In the past, the National Honor Society has sponsored or co-sponsored an orphan's Christmas party, blood drive, tutoring in academic subjects, thanksgiving mass, and a scholarship dance. The National Business Honor Society has sponsored or co-sponsored a thanksgiving food drive, a Christmas toy drive and an orphan's party. Both groups plan to continue these as well as other charitable endeavors.

The new members of the National Honor Society are: Christine Babick, Zena Baygin, Danny Clinchot, Vincent Cohan, Cheryl Cooper, Geraldine Cregg, Jimmy Cutrone, Lester Davis, Peter DeCarlo, Dolores Dilgen, Louis DiOrio, Linda Ferrara, Joseph Frega, Jeanette Gutierrez, Wendy Lau, Gregory Ligouri, Matthew

Long, James MacKay, Martin Maher, Anthony Masseria, Eileen McBrien, Janice Medina, Anthony Mendez, Brian Mooney, Dominic Orlando, Vanessa Parkinson, Salvatore Pernice, Brian Picardi, Julia Piotrowski, Faye Purpura, Susan Rail, Robert Ricco, Laura Rivera, Maria Rollo, Maria Sallustio, Edward Smith, Robert Sullivan, and Miracle Van Cooten. Mr. Kenneth Tom is Chapter Moderator.

The new members of the National Business Honor Society are: Jacqueline Batka, Nancy Del Cielo, Sandra DiMeglio, Jeanette Gutierrez, Susan Hynes, Camille Matarazzo, Gladys Nazario, Debra Torres, Angela Paino, Angela Marie Scaringella, and Linda Scotto. Mr. Gerald Kiernan is chapter moderator.

BFC Authors Organize

by Sharon Healy

The new Literary Club is open to any student who likes to write or read literature. The students will share their works with the other members and discuss the works of other writers. It is a great way to expand one's creative writing talents.

The club is moderated by Mr. Joseph Marmaud. The club plans to publish some sort of literary magazine to display the different talents of its members. The club plans to enter some of the students' works into contests and to try to get them into magazines.



New members of the Ford faculty pictured above: (seated, left to right) Miss Mary Dulsky, Mrs. Rita Wilson, Miss Cheryl Burke, Sr. Margaret Holahan; (standing, left to right) Sr. Teresa Curtin, Miss Carol Leggio, Miss Mary Scavuzzo, Mr. George Kozik, Miss Moira Fannon, Mr. Bill Slow, Brother Thomas, C.F.X.; (camera shy) Miss Janet Martorana, Sr. Mary Leane, Mr. Patrick Kane, Mr. Kevin Clancy.



Cool It with A Baboon's Blood

by Edward Smith

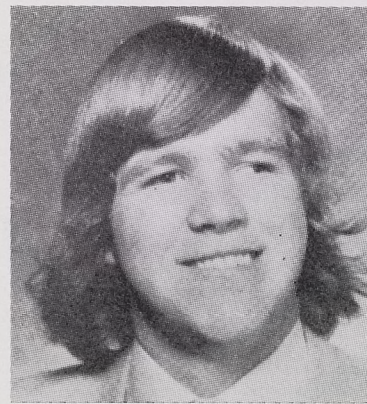
There's a new recipe in the cookbooks these days and it's called **Student Council Stew**. To make it you take four pairs of candidates running for Student Council President and Vice President, their campaign managers and active supporters, dozens of hand-made campaign posters, and about 1,000 sophomores, juniors and seniors, put them into a pot of boiling water, and let them fight it out for the votes of the entire student body (sans freshmen). This should be let go for about four days. Next, pour the contents of the pot into a larger, hotter convention

cauldron in which, during one hectic day, the ingredients attempt to bounce one another out of the pot (and into the fire) until only one pair is left. This pair comprises your entree, the President and Vice President of our Student Council. Reserve the other ingredients of the cauldron to serve in various Student Council offices.

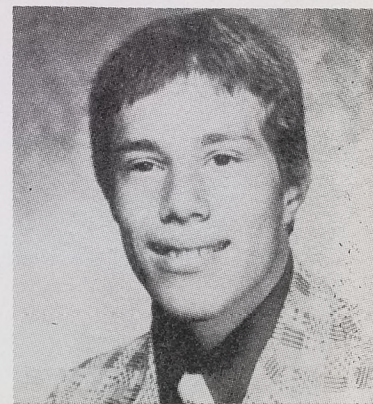
That's what election week was like, a boiling pot of stew. Although this year's election wasn't half as exciting as

last year's (when the freshmen were permitted to vote), still, it did have its moments. There were a few especially exciting times, such as when Stephen Fratangelo questioned the legality of Miracle VanCooten's slipping campaign papers into the student lockers. There didn't seem to be as many campaign posters on the walls as there had been in past years. Perhaps the best way to characterize the week would be to label it "contained chaos."

In Memoriam



Glen Isola



John Tansi

It is with deepest sorrow that the Editors and Staff of **Highpoint** note the passing recently of Glen Isola, a graduate of the Class of 1975 of Bishop Ford Diocesan High School, and of John Tansi, a graduate of the Class of 1976 of the same school. Both Glen and John were among us recently enough to be fondly recalled by many of the present faculty, and so it is in the true spirit of community that we dedicate this first issue of the year of **Highpoint** to their memories.

racial epithets against others demonstrates his ignorance of the Light.

People who resist opening lines of communication with those who differ from them racially have little difficulty finding supporters in hate. Prejudice is a disease, one that spreads rapidly. It is too easy to prejudice others by the color of their skin. We, the teenagers of the 1970's, would rather speak of those people who have been hurt down through the centuries by prejudice. We feel sorrow for the suffering people have undergone as a result of racial prejudice. We are all equal; no one is more equal than anyone else. In dealing with all others we must be prepared to forgive those who have hurt us. There is a great deal of love in each one of us and it must come forth. Love generates love.

Sometimes we have been made to feel so uncomfortable with our differences that we have attempted to hide them, even to eradicate them. Being made to feel uncomfortable with our differences will cease only when we are convinced ourselves that to be different is often very desirable. If we attempt to learn from and learn about those who are different, it often becomes clear that the supposed differences were few and relatively unimportant.

Roamin' Catholic

by Brian Picardi

On October 3 a select few of Bishop Ford made a pilgrimage to Madison Square Garden to be a part of Youth in Concert with Pope John Paul II.

After this great event I asked some of the participants from our school what they felt upon witnessing such a spectacle.

Louis Diorio, 403: The man has great charisma! He's one of the people. I feel he comes here not just as a Catholic leader, but as a religious leader to unite all the people.

Andrea Zatorski, 312: Being Polish, I was very proud to see him. I felt like I was part of it. I liked what he said about Jesus and love, and I think he is really going to do something great for the Catholic Church.

Michael Minos, 209: I was happy to see that all the kids cared to see the Pope. Even though it was optional, they gave up their time and wanted to see the Pope. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience! He talked about love and why our parents send us to Catholic schools: because they love us and they want us to know about Jesus Christ.

Susan McVey, 109: He was really good. I hope he changes the world and bring's peace to the countries that are fighting.

Janet Cateras, 404: I feel that he was great and that he touched each and every one of us spiritually, if not physically. It brought us closer together in Christ. His speech was very emotional, it really touched me.

Amy Mattison, 307: I thought it was really good that the Pope was there at the Garden; everybody was so full of love and they were really getting in to it. It was fun. The Holy Father said that Catholic education is really good, so I know at least someone appreciates it.

John Mancuso, 405: It caused a tremendous feeling in my heart to see this man stir up 20,000 people. It was unbelievable! The Pope relayed to us that Christ is King and we should be thankful for what we have.

Miriam Espinosa, 304: I thought he did a terrific job uniting everybody; it was just the most wonderful thing he could have done.

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I Have a Dream . . .

by Barbara Burke

We are happy to be teenagers of the 1970's. We are comfortable living in this decade. We enjoy a great deal more personal freedom and responsibility than any teenagers who came before us.

We are not chained down by the strife and wounds inflicted one generation ago by the war in Vietnam. We do not have to contend with its horrors. Through the suffering we witnessed as little children we have learned not to repeat disastrous mistakes.

We ask, "Why, then, must some of us continue to repeat the mistakes of two generations ago by stirring up racial issues with obviously insulting words and acts? Aren't we supposed to be the generation that has learned that being different doesn't decrease one's worth?" We must realize that we are all different in many ways. There are enough new mistakes for us to make now and in the years ahead without reverting to base prejudice, one of man's most common and abominable mistakes.

Actually, prejudice, racial prejudice, stems from fear, fear of that of which one is ignorant. When one looks at another and cannot or will not see the beauty that exists within that individual, one must be pitted. This type has little or no knowledge of what he sees, yet will categorize those different from him as "micks," "spics," or "niggers." One who shrieks

Time to Cut the Apron Strings

High school serves as a principle generator for one's sense of independence and self-confidence. It is an opportunity for growing, and growing means choosing. As high school students of Bishop Ford Central we must ensure that the choices before us provide for our personal growth.

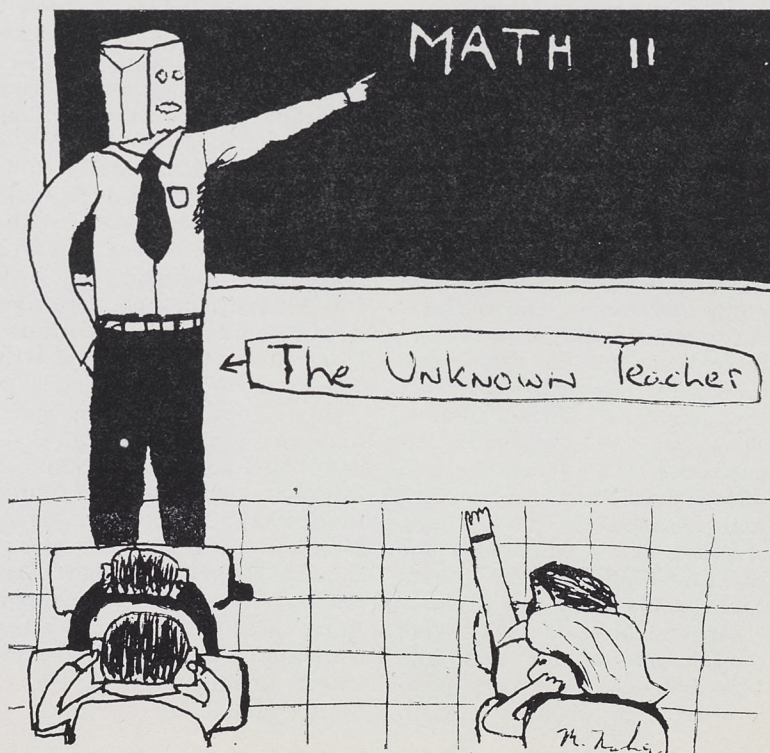
The selection of courses at Ford determines whether or not a student will fidget, sleep, or throw spitballs in class. A course will not benefit one who is uninterested. Or, suppose one finds the course material interesting but the particular teacher boring? This is very possible at Ford since the student must mark his course selection not knowing who the instructor is.

A student's free time before, during, and after school hours presents him with more choices. A student may glue himself to a cafeteria chair, study a library reference book, or loiter in the corridors and face possible demerits. While the library and cafeteria are two principal and important places of recreation, students must have more options.

If one is ever to think and act independently, one must have functional choices. Polls are one way, recently introduced at Ford, to ask students directly what they want listed in the next course selection manual. Also, students should know **who** will instruct a course **before** they sign up for it! Classrooms should be used for more club activities **before** dismissal, and club offices should be more available to the students. A student lounge should be provided.

Growth must not be pre-programmed. Rather, it must be gently fostered. Toward this end, we must increase the opportunities for Ford students to exercise freedom and re-

sponsibility and to discover knowledge through their own efforts.



The Kids Are Alright

by John Martinez

THE WHO, an English rock quartet and one of the last of the super groups, has recently completed a five-night stay at Madison Square Garden. Tickets for the show were being bought and sold by scalpers for up to 100 dollars a pair.

THE WHO, consisting of Pete Townshend, Roger Daltrey, John Entwistle and Kenny Jones, performed five of the greatest concerts in rock history. Along with the **BEATLES** at Shea Stadium, the Rolling Stones at Altamont Speedway, and, of course, Woodstock, the concerts put on by **The Who** are the most memorable acts ever put on by a rock group.

THE WHO'S greatest performance came on their fourth night in the Big Apple. The audience who saw **The Who** on the fourth night witnessed Pete Townshend make one of his power swoops, splitting his hand open. Townshend left the stage for fifteen minutes while a medical staff put three stitches in his hand.

During the interruption, Kenny Jones, who proved himself fine **Who** material and the perfect replacement for the late Keith Moon, did some extra drum soloing. Meanwhile, Roger Daltrey picked up a guitar and led the audience through a superb rendition of **The Who** classic, "My Generation." The result



The Who: John Entwistle, Kenny Jones, Roger Daltrey, Pete Townshend.

was a dramatic scene and an instant masterpiece.

John Digianni, a sophomore

at Bishop Ford and a loyal **Who** fan for six years, went to two of the five concerts per-

formed by **The Who**. He said of the concerts, "Out of all the **Who** concerts I've been to, their recent stay was their greatest." When asked about the concert, Robert Fasano, a sophomore at Ford, smiled and said, "Unbelievable! The greatest concert I've ever seen."

Who Briefs: If you're a **Who** fan (or simply a rock fan) see the upcoming film "Quadrophenia," featuring music by **The Who**. The movie opens on November 2. **The Who** will be starting an American tour beginning on the east coast in December. Their new album, which they are in the process of recording, will be released sometime in January.

Until our next issue, I leave you with the immortal words of Mr. Pete Townshend:

"Long Live Rock!"

The Well-Dressed Falcon

by Maria Sallustio

Before you know it the winter months will be arriving, bringing cold, wet, and sometimes even mild days. This means you have to have more dressing savvy if you're going to be comfortable.

As a basic, a camisole is more than warm, and also very attractive and appealing. The camisole serves as a layer of clothing that traps in the warm air. It goes well with pants, as a warm first layer under sweaters and warm dresses, but even more importantly, it can be a pretty layer under a silk shirt or any dressy dress. This is one very important way to keep warm and look pretty.

Most sweaters are knits, a favorite this season, with thick, crunchy textures and

toasty, earthy colors. For special occasions, an embroidered bead sweater with a slash neckline goes very well with evening pants or skirts. If you like a more casual look for everyday happenings, there's a sweater that can be worn as a jacket, a short coat, and also as a blazer. This wool sweater is truly a wonder because of its many uses and also because it goes well over any blouse and over any pair of pants and skirt.

This season a two-piece dress of wool with bright colors is a versatile thing to own; one look can become many. The fresh new look on skirts is pleats and plaids of wool and nylon.

For especially cold days, a coat roomy enough to fit over

jackets and sweaters, yet straight-cut to look slim, is in. Another idea for great weather warmth is fur, the real thing or one of the fakes.

When cold weather turns wet, you need a coat that will protect you against the cold and the moisture of the rain. The trench coat with a zip-in lining is one of the most practical coats going.

The fall collection for men is highlighted with rich new colors, luxurious new textures, and elegant new tailoring. A softly constructed jacket with big shoulders is largely responsible for today's wedge silhouette. Woolen sweaters can be worn with jackets that also go quite well with three-color herringbone slacks with reverse pleats.

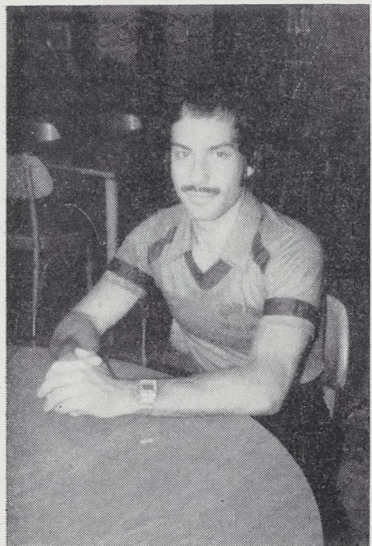
OUR CREED

Highpoint is the newspaper published by and for the students of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School. It is a means through which the students may express themselves in print. The newspaper is designed to serve the entire school community, and its main purpose is to afford students the opportunity to experience first-hand and on an extra-curricular basis the dynamics of students newspaper publishing.

Besides reporting news and sports events, **Highpoint** recognizes the responsibility to address itself editorially to important developments affecting the entire school community. Editorial statements will stem from the regularly held meetings of the editorial staff, and every reasonable attempt will be made to be representative of the commonly held opinions and feelings of the student body. **Highpoint** welcomes letters to the Editor on appropriate topics from responsible individuals; all such letters must be signed and dated by their authors and addressed to the Editor-in-Chief.

Highpoint recognizes its responsibility to quote sources accurately and to report news and sports events as faithfully as possible. While it is clearly impossible to be entirely accurate in all instances, **Highpoint** pledges to continue to strive for this ideal.

FACULTY FOCUS



Mr. George Kozik

by Pascale Bastien

One of the most exciting additions to the Physical Education Department of Ford is Mr. George Kozik who grew up in Bay Ridge, but has also lived in Lake Placid and West Allis, Wisconsin.

Mr. Kozik attended Bishop Ford Diocesan High School where he was an honor student, and he received his bachelor's and master's degrees at Brooklyn College. He then went on to the University of Wisconsin where his efforts earned him certification in cardiac stress testing. He is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine, and the areas of prevention and re-

habilitation of injuries are presently his main concern. His expertise in these areas has been a big asset to the athletes here at Ford. Already well over fifty athletes have benefitted from consultation with him. As Mr. Nash is said to have facetiously remarked, "After the first visit the fee is only \$20. and all proceeds go to the athletic fund, of course!"

Much of Mr. Kozik's experience and knowledge stems from the fact that he himself is a nationally ranked speed skater and cyclist. Many Olympic coaches feel that he has an excellent chance at making the 1980 Olympic cycling team.

A highpoint in his sports career came at the Empire State Games in Syracuse this past summer. Mr. Kozik won the gold medal in the 80 kilometer road race over a field of 120 competitors.

Mr. Kozik's goal was to pursue speed skating toward an Olympic berth. But since training goes from September to February, it interfered with his teaching job. When asked why he switched from speed skating to cycling, he replied, "Being a teacher is more convenient to a cyclist. Many of the major races are in the summer months and having the summer off leaves ample time to train and travel."

Sophomores Plan Trip to D.C.

by Anthony Raiola

Sister Andrea, Sophomore Class Coordinator, is planning a five-day trip to Washington, D.C. and Richmond, Virginia in May of 1980.

The schedule begins on Wednesday, May 14, with a mass here at Ford immediately after dismissal. The group will depart immediately after the liturgy, make one snack stop en route to Washington, and arrive there for dinner and an "illumination tour" of our Capital.

The following day will start with breakfast and a visit to many of D.C.'s monuments and

other places of interest. This will be followed by a lunch break at a select colonial restaurant.

After touring Washington, the students will depart for Virginia, arriving at the Holiday Inn for dinner in a private banquet area. After a movie, "The Story of a Patriot," the tourists will enjoy a party around the pool.

The next day will include breakfast, a guided tour of Williamsburg, lunch, more touring, dinner at the Holiday Inn, and an evening tour of Richmond, Virginia's capitol.

On Saturday, May 17, all will

enjoy a breakfast and fresh fruit farewell. Departure for Busch Gardens will follow.

In either the late afternoon or the early evening the group will attend mass in anticipation of Sunday's liturgy. Dinner will be enjoyed at Busch Gardens. That night the group will lodge at Virginia Beach.

The students will begin their trip home, using the Chesapeake Bridge-Tunnel. They will make one snack stop on the way home and expect to arrive back at Ford between 4 and 5 p.m.

Deposits must be given in by December 3.

Movie Review

by Christopher Daniele

Frank Coppola has a dream come true, Marlon Brando gives another of his great performances, and thirty million dollars has produced one of the most exciting, thrilling and best movies of the decade.

Coppola recreates the Vietnam War with all of its senseless brutality and moral ambiguity. **Apocalypse Now** truly has the impact of the actual war.

All Francis Coppola wanted to do was to recapture the Vietnam War so that he could show the people what it was like. Now, aside from that, he will capture any audience, whether it be young, old, or anywhere in between. There's no doubt about it folks, **Apocalypse Now** is now!

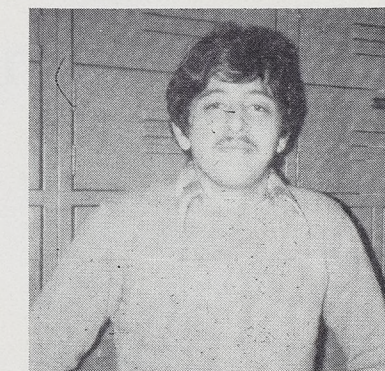
Spotlight: Shamsian

by Howard Quintero

This issue of **Highpoint** focuses on Mossoud Shamsian, one of the two Iranian students in our school this year.

Mossoud is a junior who came to this country five months ago from Tehran, Iran, to be reunited with his elder brother and sister. His father is the head accountant for the Iran-Japan Petro-chemical Company in Tehran.

Mossoud enjoys playing ping pong and swimming, but his favorite sport is mountain climbing. He has climbed to the top of one of the tallest mountains in Iran, Mount Tochal, about 4,000 meters



Mossoud Shamsian

above sea level.

He enjoys the discos and mellow music and says he likes the American way of life. As a matter of fact, his favorite television program is **Three's Company**.

Ford Falcons Kick Where It Counts



(Pictured above, left to right): Andrew Rodriguez, Stephen Raptis, Youri Bastien; (kneeling): Dominic Monopoli

by Maureen Mc Loughlin and Ingrid Mihailovich

Pele is gone. Ford soccer is here. This is the first year of the team's existence.

The coach this year, a professional soccer player, is Mr. Gaetano Massina. Mr. Massina said, "The biggest difficulty is getting them together as a team. Their spirit is really good and, once they get more experience, I feel that we'll have a really good team."

The team, which is varsity, competes every Tuesday and Thursday. They'll compete against all Catholic schools in Brooklyn and Queens. The team consists of captain Frank Diomede, Harold Kaura, Robert Romeo, Andrew Rodriguez, Steven Raptis, Santo Scoria,

Youri Bastien, Dominic Monopoli, Mike McFadden, John Geraci, John Settimo, Anthony Angilletta, Vito Palazzo, Michael Wall, Lincoln Burton, Anthony Conaghan, Ramsey Courey and Vinny Belcastro.

Mr. Nash said "the reason he started a soccer team was that it is a sport which a lot of students really enjoy, and also there is so much competition available to the team."

Santo Scoria, a member of the team, said, "The team this year has really improved because of the expert coaching by coach Messina."

Dominic Monopoli, also a member of the soccer team, said, "I think soccer has improved much throughout the years at Ford because of Mr. Nash's impressive interest in the team."

Jocks Bob For Big Apple

by Joseph Frega

The Olympics are only a year away. In Moscow and at Lake Placid athletes from all over the world will perform to win medals and gain a sense of achievement.

The Big Apple Games, sponsored by eight high schools including Bishop Ford, give talented young athletes the opportunity to enjoy competition and a feeling of accomplishment. The winners go to Syracuse to compete in the Empire State Games. The games feature events like basketball, swimming, volleyball, track, etc. Those athletes

chosen practice long and hard hours each day and train for weeks before the games at Brooklyn College.

These young talented Falcons will enjoy a sense of shooting toward Syracuse. Thomas Sina, under Mr. Nash's guidance, won a silver medal in basketball. In track, Pat Dugan and John Tracy received silver medals for their fine performances. Jimmy Cutrone brought home a silver medal in swimming. Bill and Mark Ferro captured gold medals in the water polo events, adding to their previous wins.

School Games Revised

by James Rodriguez

Mr. Raymond Habib, director of the intramural program, says that intramurals are in for a couple of changes. These changes are minor, but they do effect the entire system.

The first change is that all events will be run in the double-elimination fashion, which means you are eliminated from an event only when you lose twice. The other change is that backgammon, chess and possibly paddleball will be added to the list of events.

All teams that want to be eligible for a team title should submit a roster of twenty names to Mr. Habib as soon as possible. This does not mean every team has to enter every event. Each team has a choice as to which events they will enter.

Mr. Habib expects the most popular events to be football, hockey and weightlifting. Other events will be five-man basketball, track, swimming, ping pong, bowling and volleyball.

All these events are designed for girls as well as boys. Mr. Habib stresses that the intramurals are made to get everyone into some activity: "I would like to see every student get involved in at least one activity during the year."

Rick Ferro, Martin Maher and Joe Casertano led a cast of fifteen other talented performers.

Many amateur athletes made their dreams come true as they competed in the Empire State Games held in Syracuse. Athletes who qualified received free room and meals in an Olympic village setting.

In all, 6,000 athletes compete in a variety of twenty-two field events available to them.

Sportlight: Susan Rail

by Sharon Healy

This month **Sportlight** is dedicated to a girl who is very active in athletics here at Ford. This girl is Susan Rail of homeroom 309. She is the first girl ever to appear in **Sportlight**.

In her freshman year Susan was captain of the girls' volleyball and basketball teams. As a sophomore she was captain of the girls' varsity volleyball team. In addition, she has played on the softball team during its past two seasons. She really enjoys participating in sports and hopes to get a basketball scholarship. Susan feels that Mrs. Groneman, the girls' coach, is very devoted: "She must like what she is doing."

Susan comes from Holy Name parish. She is an "A"

Belgian Connection

by Zena Baygin

During the week of November 23 to 30, forty members of Bishop Ford's varsity basketball, volleyball, and girl's basketball teams will be involved in a cultural and sports exchange program.

This trip, through the extensive efforts of Mr. Nash and Bro. Shane, is intended to bring the students closer to the people and culture of Belgium. The trip is being sponsored by the Belgium Ministry of Education, Sabena Airlines, and Bishop Ford.

Each student will provide for his own transportation, costing about \$400. He will reside in the home of a Belgium student engaged in the program, and do extensive touring (since the athletic part of the trip is secondary to its educational purpose). The three teams will visit major cities, museums, schools and various points of interest, as well as participate in sporting events.

During the week prior to Easter, March 28 to April 5, the students from Brussels will arrive in Brooklyn to

stay with the members of the basketball and volleyball teams to complete the exchange.

Mr. Nash visited Belgium during the summer to meet with the administrators, teachers and coaches to get acquainted with their philosophy, rules and plans for the program. "It's well worth it and should be tremendous. Things like this will be important. Ten years from now no one will know if we beat Nazareth or Xavierian, but this trip will be remembered all our lives," said Mr. Nash.

When asked if this program is worthwhile, senior varsity basketball player Tom Lowney replied, "Of course it's worthwhile! How many people do you know who have flown 3000 miles to play a basketball game? It sets us apart from all other high schools. No other schools would even go beyond their state, let alone the country. It just goes to show you what a classy school we are. And the people aren't bad either! It's something we'll all remember the rest of our lives."

Team Shines

by Joseph Frega

The varsity baseball team of 1979-1980 is ready for battle. Under the leadership of Head Coach Keegan and Coach Piscelli, the club is in good hands and playoff-bound for the Spring season.

The team started off their mini-Fall season right with two victories to open up the year. In a tough, grueling battle, the Falcons, led by firearm Tommy LoVerdi, with relief help from Paul Anderson, defeated St. Peter's 2-1. The same happened in their next game: behind the arms of starter Ralph Wager and reliever Terry Cioffe, the Falcons rose to a 2-1 victory over More Catholic.

A strong and talented pitching staff gives the Falcons the depth they need to win down the stretch. This staff is headed by junior Tommy LoVerdi who, as a sophomore, impressed many with his dazzling fastball and all-around performance. Senior Ralph Wager adds the experi-

ence that is needed for a young staff. Tall and slender Terry Cioffe leads a fine cast of relief pitchers. A lightning fastball and a fine curve, plus good control, keep the Falcons in games and make Terry an overpowering pitcher. The fourth man on the staff, Paul Anderson, finishes an impressive list. Paul, who has excellent control, possesses a tricky combination of pitches that keeps bats at bay and Falcon victories coming.

Practice each day for about three hours is what keeps the Falcons on top of their game. During these practices the team concentrates on the fundamentals of batting, pitching, aggressive base-running and good, solid defense. Consistent drilling of these skills makes the Falcons awesome when they put on their spikes and go into action.

This surprising start in the mini-Fall season, good pitching and a new crop of young junior talent have the Falcons anxiously awaiting Spring.

Cross-Country Track Team Aims High

by Roger Menze

The Ford cross-country track team opened up its season on Saturday, September 22 at the West Lake Invitational.

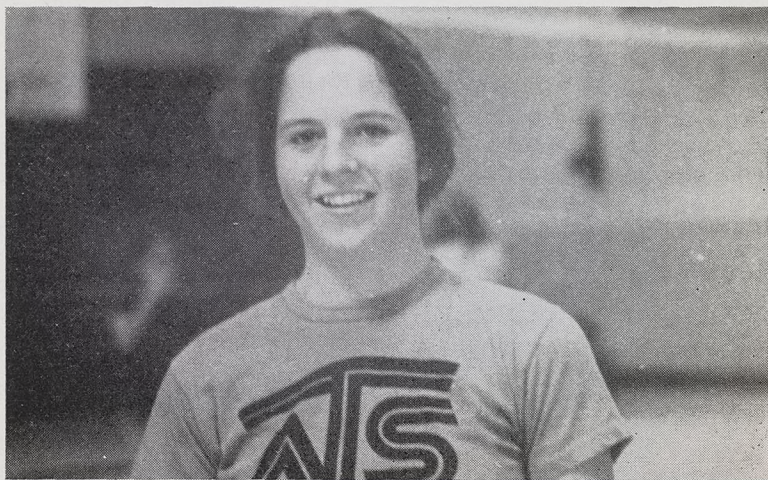
The Varsity placed fourth out of a field of twenty-two. The team was led by captains Bob Powers (13th place) and Pat Dugan (20th place); following them were Bill Kelly (24th place), Joey Casertano (26th place), Jimmy Shammass (51st place), John Shammass (59th place), and Peter DeCarlo (61st place).

The coaches, Mr. Manuel Fernandez and Mr. Tom

Dewey, feel that as soon as the Varsity finds an efficient fifth man, the team will do a lot better in the meets to come.

The runners for the J.V. who finished twelfth out of a field of thirty were: Tom Burns, Andy Dignam, Fred Rich, Tom Dignan, Joe Groot, and Jimmy Dolan.

The team has also attended such meets as Our Lady of Providence Invitational (Providence, Rhode Island), Manhattan College, Marist College (Poughkeepsie, New York), and Eastern States.



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